UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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Mark F. Coleman,

Plaintiff,

-v-

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, et al.,

Defendants.

20-cv-10503 (AJN)

ORDER

ALISON J. NATHAN, District Judge:

On March 12, 2021, Defendants filed a motion to dismiss the Complaint and the Amended Complaint pursuant to Rule 12(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Dkt. No. 15. It is hereby ORDERED that if Plaintiff intends to file an amended complaint, he shall do so by **April 12, 2021**. Plaintiff is hereby advised that any amended complaint will <u>completely replace</u> the original complaint. Accordingly, if Plaintiff files an amended complaint, he should include all of the information he believes is necessary to make a short, plain statement explaining why he entitled to relief against the Defendants. Plaintiff is on notice that declining to amend his pleadings to timely respond to a fully briefed argument in the Defendants' March 12, 2021 motion to dismiss may well constitute a waiver of the Plaintiff's right to use the amendment process to cure any defects that have been made apparent by the Defendants' briefing. *See Loreley Fin. (Jersey) No. 3 Ltd. v. Wells Fargo Sec., LLC.*, 797 F.3d 160, 190 (2d Cir. 2015) (leaving "unaltered the grounds on which denial of leave to amend has long been held proper, such as undue delay, bad faith, dilatory motive, and futility.").

If Plaintiff chooses to amend, the Defendant may then (a) file an answer; (b) file a new motion to dismiss; or (c) submit a letter stating that it intends to rely on the initially filed motion to dismiss.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if no amended complaint is filed, Plaintiff shall serve his opposition to the Defendant's motion to dismiss by **April 12, 2021**. The Defendant's reply,

if any, shall be served by April 26, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that either party may request an extension of the briefing schedule for the motion. A deadline will be extended if the party demonstrates that its pursuit of the action has been diligent and that there is a good reason for extending the deadline.

The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to mail a copy of this Order to the Plaintiff.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 16, 2021

New York, New York

ALISON J. NATHAN United States District Judge